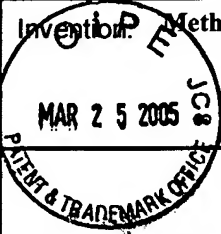




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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2005, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-21.

Add the following new claims:

22. A method for operating a fuel cell system, the system including a stack of
PEM fuel cells including at least one cooler for carrying antifreeze through the
stack to remove heat, the fuel cell system further including a water circulation
system for accumulating water and circulating that water through water flow
passages passing through each cell, wherein, at the time of start-up, the stack
has frozen water therein and there is insufficient liquid water within the water
circulation system to enable the circulation of water, the method for operating
the fuel cell system including (a) starting up and operating the frozen stack by
introducing non-humidified reactants into the cells and connecting a load
across the stack to generate heat to increase the stack temperature to above 0°C
and thereby melt frozen water within the stack, including accumulating liquid
water during stack operation until there is sufficient liquid water to enable
circulation of liquid water through the cell water flow passages, and thereafter